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Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 11th JULY, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1903, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th inst. to 11th inst., both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 22, 1903. 1305

TEBRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 38 & 40 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on TUESDAY, 14th JULY, 1903, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st July, inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, July 1, 1903. 1380

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 13th day of JULY, at 11 in the Forenoon, when the submitted Resolutions which were passed at a meeting held on 27th JUNE, 1903, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$300,000 (divided into 15,000 shares of \$20 each) to \$150,000 (divided into 15,000 shares of \$10 each) and that the Company's capital be effected by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$20 to \$10 per share.

2. That after such reduction the capital of the Company be increased from \$150,000 (divided into 15,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$300,000 (divided into 30,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 15,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered to the present shareholders of the Company in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every old share in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof.

3. That in consideration of the guarantee and undertaking now given by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. (the General Managers of the Company) and testified by their signature hereon (and to be further testified by the execution by the said Shewan, Tomes & Co. of a separate instrument of guarantee to be executed hereafter) with the Debenture Trust Deed or Mortgage hereinafter referred to and to be held by the Trustees thereof to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned; that the dividend for the year 1902, 1903 and 1904 in respect of the new shares referred to in the second of the preceding resolutions shall not fall below the rate of 6 per centum per annum in each and every one of the said three years, the said Shewan, Tomes & Co. as each General Manager is authorised to issue Debentures to the amount of not more than \$200,000 on the security of the Company to be secured by a duly executed Mortgage thereof by the Company to such persons as Trustees for and on behalf of the Debenture holders as the said Shewan, Tomes & Co. may by writing under their hand appoint. The said Debentures to be issued in the shape of Bonds for \$1,000 or \$100 each at the Debenture holders' option respectively, but so that the aggregate amount in value of such Debentures taken together shall not exceed the sum of \$200,000. The Bonds for and in respect of the said Debentures may be issued at a discount not exceeding 2½ per cent on the face value thereof but so that the holders respectively of such Debentures shall not be entitled to be repaid more than the face value thereof. The said Debentures to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum to be computed from the date of actual issue to the respective holders thereof and to be repayable within 10 years from and after the date of each actual issue in manner following, that is to say, No portion of the amount paid in respect of any of such Debentures shall be repayable during the first three years following the date of the actual issue thereof but upon the expiration of such period of three years there shall be repaid in respect of each Debenture to each and every holder thereof:

(a) One quarter of the amount paid in respect thereof within six calendar months following the expiration of the said period of three years;

(b) One quarter of the amount paid in respect thereof within twelve calendar months following the expiration of the said period of three years;

(c) One quarter of the amount paid in respect thereof within eighteen calendar months following the expiration of the said period of three years;

(d) One quarter of the amount paid in respect thereof within twenty-four calendar months following the expiration of the said period of three years.

Dated this 27th day of June, 1903.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

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WASHINGTON BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHINGTON BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office. Price \$1 each.

China Mail Office.

Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A MEETING of Members intending to Subscribe for GRIFFINS for the next Race Meeting will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on THURSDAY next, the 16th JULY instant, at 4.30 p.m. Every intending Subscriber is requested to be present.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, July 9, 1903. 1437

THE CANTON LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th JULY, 1903, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 30th June, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 18th inst., 1903, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 9, 1903. 1434

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35 BEDROOMS, Excellently Furnished. Bath to each Room.

DINING ROOM AND CUISINE under Strict Supervision.

European and American Wines, Spirits and Beers.

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Terms, \$4.00 to \$7.00 per day; \$65 to \$120 per Month.

JAS. D. M. CAMERON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1903. 978

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THIS FAVORITE and LONG-ESTABLISHED HOTEL, situated on the SEA FRONT comprising a magnificent View of the Harbour and adjacent Islands and is open to the Cool Southerly Breezes in Summer.

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Steamers to and from Macao every MORNING and AFTERNOON.

E. G. JORDAN, Manager.

Wm. FARMER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, May 28, 1903. 1145

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Hongkong, March 30, 1903. 700

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Hongkong, June 27, 1903. 1354

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ONE 1st-CLASS SPACIOUS GODOWN at West Point.

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Hongkong, June 16, 1903. 1287

TO LET.

FROM 25th August, COSMOPOLITAN HOUSE (Unfurnished), 13 LARGE ROOMS, KITCHEN, etc., etc.

Apply MANAGER, Wm. FOWELL, Ltd.

Hongkong, June 29, 1903. 1360

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HOUSES IN LEITCH HILL ROAD. FLATS IN MONTAGNA TERRACE, CAUSEWAY, and THE GOLD GROVE.

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Hongkong, June 8, 1903. 1280

TO LET.

"PIERNSIDE," ROBINSON ROAD.

Apply E. M. HAZELAND, 35, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, June 23, 1903. 1318

TO LET.

WOODLANDS WEST, No. 17, Seymour Road, from 15th June.

Apply "E. W., Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.

Hongkong, May 15, 1903. 1044

TO LET.

GROUND and 2nd Floors of No. 3, Old Bailey.

4-ROOMED HOUSE on UPPER LEVEL, Fully furnished, for 6 months.

No. 13, MOSQUE JUNCTION, No. 43, CAUSE ROAD, 9-ROOMED CORNER HOUSE, \$160 excluding Taxes.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3, CORONARIUS TERRACE, 6-ROOMED CORNER HOUSE, \$100 each including Taxes.

No. 10, SETON PLACE, TERRACE, MORRISON HILL GATE, New four-roomed HOUSES. Comfortable Flats in "WILD DELL."

And others to suit various requirements.

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Hongkong, July 4, 1903. 1405

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"LARKSPUR,"

NO. 3, UPPER RICHMOND ROAD, for Six months from 1st June.

Apply "J. D., Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.

Hongkong, June 17, 1903. 1271

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95 and 96, PRAXA EAST.

TWO ROOMS (above New VICTORIA HOTEL).

Apply to H. N. MODY, Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, December 2, 1902. 2483

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FOUR NEWLY PAINTED FLOORS, in First-class Condition.

Enquire at O. E. LE MUNYON'S, New Bridge, 29 and 31, Des Voeux Road.

P.O. Box 36.

Hongkong, June 2, 1903. 1475

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE Composite Steam Launch "LILY," property of the F. & O. S. N. Co., built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

For Particulars, apply to Mr. D. MACDONALD, 13 Beaconfield Arcade.

E. A. HEWITT, Supt., F. & O. S. N. Co.

Hongkong, July 10, 1903. 1381

FOR SALE.

A DISCARDED STEEL WIRE CABLE.

For Particulars, apply to JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong High Level Tramway Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, June 16, 1903. 1287

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 13th JULY, 1903, at 2.45 p.m., at No. 4, EAST TERRACE, Kowloon,—

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On View on day of Sale.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 7, 1903. 1423

LOST.

A BULL TERRIER DOG, WHITE, with Brown on left Ear and Brown Spot on Head. 7 months old, wearing a Collar with license badge No. 94, answers to the Name of "BOB." Any one returning the same to No. 1, Cause Road, will receive a reward of \$10.00. If found in any one's possession after the 10th instant will be prosecuted by the owner.

Hongkong, July 7, 1903. 1417

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S. S. "WING CHAI," CAPT. SAMUEL BELL SMITH.

DAILY Departure from Hongkong to Macao 7.30 a.m.; from Macao to Hongkong 2 p.m. (Sunday included).

1st class fare (including Cabin and Servant) \$3; return ticket \$5.50.

2nd class \$1.50; return ticket \$2.50.

3rd class \$1.

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Hongkong, June 2, 1903. 831

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SUNDAY, TUESDAY and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days, leaving Canton at 5 p.m.

Unexcelled accommodation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity.

Passengers Fare \$4.00 Single Journey. Meals \$1.00 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the present contract. The Committee would, of course, have to consider what alternatives were available to the present method of carrying the mails, and whether the opening of new routes and other facilities which had come into existence since the date when

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

11 a.m.—Auction of Sundry Household

Furniture &c., at Messrs Hughes and

Hughes's Sales Rooms.

Meeting.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of

The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at

the Company's Offices.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—A Promenade Concert at Volun-

teer Band Quarters.

Miscellaneous.

3 p.m.—Competition for Spoons, of the

Hongkong Rifle Association.

General Memoranda.

Monday, July 13.—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of

China Light & Power Co., Ltd., at the

Company's Offices.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at No. 4, Post Terrace, Kow-

loon.

Tuesday, July 14.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of

Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd., at the

Company's Offices.

Goods per *Falcom* not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Mogul* undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

Goods per *Glengyle* not cleared on this

date subject to rent.

Wednesday, July 15.—

Transfer Books of The Canton Land Co.,

Ltd., closed from this date to the 18th

July, inclusive.

Goods per *Prinz Heinrich* undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

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A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

4th July, 1903.

BIRTH.

On the 1st July, at No. 198 Kitanocho,

Kobe, Japan, the wife of ARTHUR E. COO-

PER, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced

at 4.55 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1903.

It would seem that the question of

establishing a uniform currency in

China, based on a gold standard, is now

within the sphere of practical politics.

In the Mackay Treaty, signed at Sing-

hai on the 5th September, 1902, the

following Article appears: 'China

agrees to take the necessary steps to

provide for a uniform national coinage

which shall be legal tender for all duties,

taxes and other obligations throughout

the Empire by British as well as Chinese

subjects.' There is no stipulation, it

will be seen, that the new Chinese

coinage shall be in any particular metal;

but it is hardly possible to conceive a

wholesale currency reform like that in-

volving in China without assuming that

the basis of the currency shall be gold.

This, we take it, is the commonsense

aspect of the question, for we cannot

believe that any practical statesman,

having set himself the task of currency

reform, would first establish a silver

currency and then tackle the problem

of conversion to gold. This, we say, is

the commonsense aspect of the question;

but it is not the opinion of the 'experts'

in finance and trade. Sir Thomas Jack-

son and Mr. J. Howard Gwyther, for

instance, say that China cannot put her

currency on a gold basis, and this opinion

is shared by other 'old China hands.'

In a recent speech, Mr. Gwyther enun-

ciated the dictum that 'those who advo-

cate a gold standard for China cannot

have the most elementary knowledge of

her economic condition.' Upon receipt of

the full text of Mr. Gwyther's speech,

we dealt with this dictum, and pointed

out for the benefit of Mr. Gwyther, and

those who agree with him that there

were men in China with as intimate a

knowledge of China's economic condi-

tion who advocated a gold standard.

We are not astonished to find so eminent

an authority as Sir Robert Hart, in the

same boat with ourselves. Perhaps

Mr. Gwyther is, and yet he will hardly

dare to assert that Sir Robert Hart

does not possess 'the most elementary

knowledge' of China's economic con-

dition.

We publish elsewhere in this issue

Sir Robert Hart's memorandum on the

subject to the Chinese authorities. For

'convenience' sake, we may summarize

the leading points of the memorandum.

He advocates a uniform currency based

on a fixed ratio between gold and silver;

the establishment of a mint by the

Central Government, and the issuance

of coins by this mint only; and that the

coins should be denominated taels, mace,

and candareen, and that the mace and

candareen should be subsidiary coins of

copper. Financial experts will find the

fifth clause of the memorandum most

interesting, as it deals with the method

of calling the scheme into existence.

Sir Robert also refers to the proposal to

establish a Government bank, but, very

rightly, says this is only of secondary

importance to the fixing of the ratio

between the silver currency and gold.

It will be observed that Sir Robert

Hart does not deal with the complex

question of the balance of trade.

Neither does he take up that bugbear

of the silverites, the benefit to silver-

using countries of a low exchange. In-

to favour a fixed exchange, do nothing

to help either China or Hongkong to

attain it. The benefit arising from a

low exchange can be of only temporary

advantage, if there is any at all, to the

few local products of the Colony. In

the end, the Colony and its people must

suffer. They have suffered in the past

and they will continue to suffer until a

currency ratio is fixed, and were it only

on the low plan of self-interest the com-

mercial bodies of the Colony, as well as

the Government, should seize any op-

portunity offered to help China to adopt

a uniform coinage on the gold standard.

In this direction lie Hongkong's best

interests.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Plague.

Six Chinese died of plague in the

twenty-four hours ending noon to-day.

The total to date is now 1328.

Coalgardie Water Supply.

The huge Coalgardie water supply

scheme is proving an immense success, the

revenue derived being at the rate of

£75,000 per annum, whilst the expenditure

amounts to only £40,000. Water is being

sold at the rate of one million gallons daily.

The City Hall Library.

We have received from Mr. F. B. L.

Bowler, Secretary and Librarian of the

City Hall Library, a copy of the new cata-

logue of the free lending collection. The

catalogue is splendidly arranged and neatly

got up. It can be obtained from Messrs

Kelly and Walsh, Ltd.

Proposed Buddhist Congress.

The Irish Buddhist priest U Dham-

maloka is at present sending out circulars

announcing that it is proposed to hold an

international Buddhist congress at Bangkok

in the early part of next year. The

congress would be under the auspices of

the International Buddhist Association, and

it is hoped that delegates representing

the 'society' will be sent from Ceylon,

Burma, China, Japan, America and Eng-

land.

The Conservative Party.

Captain Lionel De L. Wells, R.N.,

Chief Officer of the Metropolitan Fire

Brigade since 1894, has been appointed

Head Agent of the Conservative Party,

in succession to Mr. R. W. E. Middleton,

who has resigned on the grounds of health.

Mr. Middleton placed his resignation in

the hands of the Whips at the beginning

of the present year; but it has not been

thought expedient until quite recently to

appoint his successor.

'Bagging' in the 21st Lancers.

A Dublin Correspondent telegraphs

that the decision of the Court-martial which

inquired into the 'bagging' in the 21st

Lancers has not become known. The

Commanding Officer of the Regiment has

been convicted of an error of judgment.

One Major has been called upon to resign,

and another has been censured. Two Cap-

tains have been censured, and their promo-

tions stopped until further orders, while four

other officers have been severely censured,

and subjected to loss of leave or stoppage

of promotion.

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the result of an accident in a large whiskey

distillery, over a million gallons of spirit

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the street and into the main sewers in a

river of flame. The whiskey mill was

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properties along the shore of the burning

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CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.

S.S. Würzburg, Capt. v. BINDER, 29th July, 1903. Freight & Passengers.

FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

S.S. Baden, Capt. RORDEN, 12th August, 1903. Freight.

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|-------------------------|------|-----------|---------|
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| R.M.S. TARTAR | 4125 | Wednesday | July 22 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA | 6000 | Wednesday | Aug. 5 |
| R.M.S. ATHENIAN | 3882 | Wednesday | Aug. 12 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA | 6000 | Wednesday | Aug. 26 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN | 6000 | Wednesday | Sept. 2 |
| R.M.S. TARTAR | 4125 | Wednesday | Sept. 7 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA | 6000 | Wednesday | Oct. 21 |
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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, PORTLAND, OREGON, MOYT, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

| Steamship | Tons | Captain | Hongkong |
|------------|------|---------------------|--------------------|
| INDRAVELLI | 4899 | R. P. Craven | July 14, 1903 |
| INDRAPURA | 4899 | A. E. Hollingsworth | Aug. 14, 1903 |
| INDRASAMHA | 6197 | W. E. Craven | September 13, 1903 |

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Hongkong, June 15, 1903.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Steamers | Destinations | Sailing Dates |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| BINGO MARU, F. DAVIS, | MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. | SATURDAY, 11th July, Daylight. |
| KASUGA MARU, W. SCOTT HUNTER, | NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | SATURDAY, 11th July, 11 a.m. |
| HIROKUMA MARU, J. NAGAO, | BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO. | TUESDAY, 14th July, at Noon. |
| KAGA MARU, G. ANDERSON, | VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOYT, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | TUESDAY, 14th July, at 4 p.m. |
| AWA MARU, F. TRENT, | KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | FRIDAY, 17th July, at Daylight. |
| YAWATA MARU, A. E. MORSE, | SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. | FRIDAY, 17th July, at 4 p.m. |
| KAGOSHIMA MARU, K. KOBI, | KOBE. | WEDNESDAY, 22nd July, at Noon. |
| YAMATO MARU, J. W. WALLS, | MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. | SATURDAY, 25th July, at Daylight. |

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamship. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moit and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class. Through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway. For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Charter Road.

T. S. Takayanagi, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, July 2, 1903.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.

MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

| FROM | STEAMERS | DUE |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | DIOMED | 18th July. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | RECTOR | 22nd July. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | RECTOR | 26th July. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | RECTOR | 30th July. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | NINGCHOW | 8th August. |

The S. S. MACHAON has arrived and leaves for JAPAN and PACIFIC PORTS on 11th inst.

HOMEWARDS.

LONDON BERTH.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| * LIVERPOOL | PROMETHEUS | 22nd July. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP | PELUS | 21st July. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP | SESTRO | 24th August. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP | DARDANUS | 18th August. |
| * LIVERPOOL | DIOMED | 20th August. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP | NESTOR | 1st September. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP | MOVINE | 15th September. |

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|---|----------|--------------|
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NINGCHOW. | | 10th August. |
| N'KI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. | | |

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|--|----------|------------|
| SHANGHAI | KUUKING | 11th July. |
| SAMARANG & SOURABAYA | SHANTUNG | 15th July. |
| MANILA | SONGKONG | 18th July. |
| IT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE | TATYAN | 27th July. |

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light—Unrivaled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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Hongkong, July 8, 1903.

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N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Steamers | Sailing Dates |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| HAMBURG | THURSDAY, 23rd July. |
| PRINZ HEINRICH | THURSDAY, 6th Aug. |
| SACHSEN | THURSDAY, 20th Aug. |
| KLAUSSTOU | THURSDAY, 3rd Sept. |
| RAYEN | THURSDAY, 17th Sept. |
| ZIETEN | WEDNESDAY, 30th Sept. |
| SEYDLITZ | WEDNESDAY, 14th Oct. |
| ROON | WEDNESDAY, 28th Oct. |

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON THURSDAY, the 23rd day of July, 1903, at Noon, the Steamship HAMBURG, of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Captain BURMEISTER, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Tuesday, the 22nd July; Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd July, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Wednesday, the 23rd July.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Lines can be washed on board.

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Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

| Steamers | Tons | Captains | To Sail |
|----------|------|----------------|---------------|
| VICTORIA | 3502 | J. Pantin | August 1. |
| PLEIADES | 3763 | F. G. Purinton | August 15. |
| OLYMPIA | 2857 | J. Truebridge | September 10. |

Steamers marked (*) have no passenger accommodation. Their attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services. Through Bills of Lading issued to PACIFIC COAST POINTS and the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada.

For further information as to Freight, or Passage, Apply to DODWELL & CO., Limited, General Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1903.

Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE named:—

| STEAMERS | TO SAIL ON | REMARKS. |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND BOMBAY | Pekin C. R. LONGDEN, R.N.R. | Noon, 13th July. Freight only. |
| SIANGHAI | Bengal A. L. VALENTINI | About 10th July. Freight or Passage. |
| LONDON, &c. | Balkan E. G. SUMMERS | Noon, 18th July. See Special Advertisement. |
| SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND BOMBAY | Masagon S. HALL | About 24th July. Freight only. |

* Calling at PENANG if sufficient inducement offers.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, July 9, 1903.

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CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

| Steamship | Tons | Captain | For | Sailing Dates |
|-----------|------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| ZAFIRO | 2540 | R. Rodger | Manila Direct | July 11, at 10 a.m. |
| RUBI | 2540 | R. W. Almond | | July 18, at 10 a.m. |
| PERLA | 1980 | J. McGinty | | |

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 4, 1903.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| FOR | STEAMERS | LEAVING |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| FOOCHOW, via SWATOW AND AMOY | ANPING MARU | SUNDAY, 12th July. |
| TAMSAI, via SWATOW AND AMOY | DAIJIN MARU | SUNDAY, 12th July. |
| ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY | MAIDZURU MARU | WEDNESDAY, 15th July. |
| TAMSAI, via SWATOW AND AMOY | DAIJI MARU | SUNDAY, 19th July. |

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified Doctor is carried. All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered at Lloyd's.

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For Freight, Passage and further information apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, MANAGER.

Hongkong, July 10, 1903.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

(ORIENTAL S. S. Co.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship ROSETTA MARU, 3875 Tons, Captain N. TATE, will be despatched for MANILA on SATURDAY, the 11th July, at 11 a.m.

To be followed by ROHILLA MARU on the 18th July.

Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivaled Speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardesses carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3 Queen's Buildings, 1st Floor, House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, July 8, 1903.

FOR ILOILO.

THE Steamship NEIL MACLEOD, Captain UGARE, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRANDAO & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 8, 1903.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port Darwin, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, THAMARUA, &c.)

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on Monday, the 13th July. Specie and Parcels received until 4 p.m. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, June 30, 1903.

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

Via PORTS and SUEZ CANAL.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903.

MACDUFF About July 15.

SAINT BEDE Do July 25.

ORO To follow

MOGUL Do

SAFUAMA Do

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DODWELL & CO., Limited, Agents.

Hongkong, July 2, 1903.

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Shipping.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

This Company's Steamship HAIMUN, Captain MURTON, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, 11th Inst., at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPIRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 10, 1903.

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STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

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THE Steamship IFCHIA, Captain MAGANZI, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 14th Inst., at Noon.

At Bombay the steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock, YARRA.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 8, 1903.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship LIGHTNING, Captain J. G. SASSOON, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 14th July, at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1903.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANG

